

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-24 (Canceled).

25. (Currently Amended) A user-adaptive variable-environment system comprising:
- a computer provided with an operating environment and a user recognizing unit; and
- an information storage medium to be applied to the user recognizing unit, the information storage medium being portable and serving as a password;
- wherein the information storage medium stores user-environment information about an operating environment suitable for a user, said user-environment information including ~~includes at least one of (a) a type of an OS, (b) a language in which information is to be displayed, (c) usable application software or (d) a key layout~~ operating system from among multiple possible operating systems;
- the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information; and
- the information storage medium is automatically and directly readable by the user recognizing unit while being inserted into the user recognizing unit.

26. (Currently Amended) A user-adaptive variable-environment system comprising:
- a computer provided with an operating environment and a user recognizing unit;
- an information storage medium to be applied to the user recognizing unit, the information storage medium being portable and serving as a password;

wherein the information storage medium stores user-environment information about an operating environment suitable for a user, said user-environment information including ~~includes at least one of (a) a type of an OS, (b) a language in which information is to be displayed, (c) usable application software or (d) key layout~~ operating system from among multiple possible operating systems;

the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information; and

the information storage medium is automatically readable by the user recognizing unit while being in a position near to but apart from the user recognizing unit.

Claims 27 - 30 (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 25, wherein said user-environment information further includes ~~a type of an OS~~, usable application software and a language in which information is to be displayed.

32. (Currently Amended) A The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 26, wherein said user-environment information further includes ~~a type of an OS~~, usable application software and a language in which information is to be displayed.

33. (Currently Amended) A The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 25, wherein said user-environment information further includes ~~usable application software and a language in which information is to be displayed~~ a key layout.

34. (Currently Amended) A The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 26, wherein said user-environment information further includes ~~usable application software and a language in which information is to be displayed~~ a key layout.

35. (Currently Amended) A The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 25, wherein the information storage medium is an ID card serving as a password.

36. (Currently Amended) A The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 26, wherein the information storage medium is an ID card serving as a password.

37. (Currently Amended) A The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 25, wherein the information storage medium is an ID storage medium serving as a password.

38. (Currently Amended) A The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 26, wherein the information storage medium is an ID storage medium serving as a password.

39. (Cancelled).

40. (Cancelled).

41. (New) A user-adaptive variable-environment system comprising:

a computer provided with an operating environment and a user recognizing unit; and

an information storage medium to be applied to the user recognizing unit;

said information storage medium capable of storing user-environment information about an operating environment suitable for a user, said user-environment information including an operating system specified from among multiple possible operating systems; and

said user recognizing unit capable of reading the user-environment information stored in the information storage medium and changing the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information including the specified operating system.

42. (New) The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 41, wherein the information storage medium is automatically and directly readable by the user recognizing unit while being inserted into the user recognizing unit.

43. (New) The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 41, wherein the information storage medium is automatically readable by the user recognizing unit while being in a position near to but apart from the user recognizing unit.

44. (New) The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 41, wherein the information storage medium is portable and serves as a password.

45. (New) The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 41, wherein the information storage medium is an ID storage medium serving as a password.

46. (New) The user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 44, wherein the information storage medium is an ID storage medium.